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### **Montana Tech Outlasts Argos**

**Butte, MT** – The Montana Tech Orediggers avenged an earlier loss at the hands of the University of Great Falls by handing the Argos an 84-68 loss in a match-up of teams trying to climb out of the Frontier Conference basement on Friday night. With the win, Tech moves one game ahead of the Argos at 3-9 (10-18 overall) while the Argos fall to 2-9, 6-19 on the season.

“We played well in stretches but not well enough to win,” said UGF assistant coach **Mike Miranto** who filled in for head coach **Steve Silsby** for the game. Silsby remained in Great Falls to be with his pregnant wife, Carrie, who is expecting the couple’s fourth child any day now.

“We shot the ball well and we scored the ball better than we have the past few games but we struggled on the backboard and we struggled keeping people in front of us, defensively,” Miranto said. “Give Tech credit, they did what they had to do. They came out firing on all cylinders and they did a good job getting to the free throw line later in the game when their shots weren’t falling.”

The Orediggers enjoyed a 35-27 advantage on the glass and outscored UGF 33-6 from the free throw line on the evening.

**Dean Colbray (Pasco, WA)** led five Orediggers in double figures with a game-high 20 points. Colbray came out on fire, canning four three-point baskets in the first four minutes of the game to help Tech establish an early double-figure lead. The Argos did not panic, however, and battled back to within one at 30-29. The Orediggers closed out the first half on a 14-6 run and the Argos would never get closer than four points in the second half.

**Brian Davison (Highwood, MT)** came off the bench to pump in 18 points for the Orediggers while hitting 4-of-6 from behind the three-point line. Junior big man **Dirk Anderson (Idaho City, ID)** hit for 13 points, nine of which came from the charity stripe, to go with a game-high six rebounds. **A.J. Paine (Billings, MT)** scored 11 and dished out five assists while teammate **Kellen Hasquet (Missoula, MT)** added 10 points.

Guards **Kevin Harris (Houston, TX)** and **Mark Celaya (Chandler, AZ)** split 32 points to lead the Argo offense which enjoyed good shooting throughout the contest, hitting 28-of-51 (55%) of their field goal attempts. Celaya’s performance was a welcome sight having missed the team’s last three games with a toe injury. **L.J. Jones (Anaheim, CA)** added 15 points off the UGF bench on 6-of-9 shooting. Also off the bench came guard **Norman Towns (Phoenix, AZ)** who added 11 points.

The Argos have a short turn-around time as they return to action on Saturday night in Dillon where they face the University of Montana Western Bulldogs. The Bulldogs dropped a tough 79-76 overtime decision on Friday night to Montana State-Northern, dropping them to 20-8, 8-4 on the season.

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